

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the specification as originally filed as follows:

- 1) Amend the paragraphs beginning on page 4, after line 20, by deleting the description to Fig. 8, as follows:

~~Fig. 8 is a view of a portable stand according to the invention, and including a base stand.~~

- 2) Amend page 7, lines 4-14, to read as follows:

--Fig. 5 shows a view of an adapter 84 which can be screwed onto the pin extensions 66, 74 of the fixing hooks 62, 64 of the first and/or the second handle 12, 22. The adapter 84 herein serves for receiving and fixing a remote control unit 90 (see Fig. 6) for the video camera, the photo-camera or the other optical recording devices mounted on the stand. However, it is also possible that instead of the remote control unit 90 a further fixing device serves for fixing the first and/or the second handle 12, 22 to external elements. Herein the external element may be a plug-in belt bow 100 (as shown in Fig. 7) or a base stand (not shown). As described earlier, the plug-in belt bow 100 may exhibit a ball-headed link 101 for connection to the first handle 12. Equally it is possible that the adapter serves for connecting a monitor for the video camera, the photo-camera or the other optical recording devices. One recognizes that the adapter 84 exhibits a grip surface 86 and an oblong basic body 88. The adapter 84 exhibits an internal thread so that it can be screwed onto the pin extensions 66, 74.--